



Fact Sheet

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARING

West Coast Gas

General Rate Case Application (A.)20-09-002

March 23, 2021

What is this Rate Application About?

This proceeding is the General Rate Case (GRC) for 2021-2024 filed by West Coast Gas (WCG). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will review the total costs authorized by the CPUC and their allocation to WCG's customer classes, which include residential and commercial customers. The application requests a total revenue decrease of \$15,750 per year based on the 2021 "Test Year." The CPUC will also address WCG's rate design proposals, or how WCG will collect the costs allocated to each customer class in rates, over the four-year period of 2021-2024.

What Is the Customer Bill or Rate Impact of WCG's Revenue Allocation Proposals?

Bundled gas customers¹ receive procurement, transmission and distribution services from WCG. Cumulative bill impacts for typical customers following the phase-in of adjustments would be as follows:

- A proposed reduction in the distribution component of WCG's overall rates will decrease a typical residential OR commercial customer's total Gas bill by 0.66% on a bundled basis (Commodity plus base rate).
- The base rate component of the total rate for customers will decrease by 1.22%.
- The average decrease for a residential customer is \$0.37 per month, or \$4.44 per year.

Actual impacts will vary depending on usage.

What Are West Coast Gas's Major Residential Rate Design Proposals?

WCG proposes several rate design changes for residential customers. The proposed changes include the following, and these proposals may be accepted, modified, or rejected by the CPUC:

- WCG proposes to decrease rates, both monthly charges and volumetric rates on an equal percentage basis.
- The rate relief sought in this Application only includes the costs of owning, operating and managing the gas distribution systems at Mather and Castle.

¹ "Bundled gas customers" are those receiving gas procurement and delivery services from the gas utility. Most residential customers are "bundled," unless they take gas procurement service from an alternative supplier, such as a Core Transport Agent, as may happen in service areas of large utilities.

- It does not include any revenue requirements associated with gas procurement, gas transportation or Public Purpose Programs.
- During the 2021-2024 period, WCG will be implementing rate design changes as may be approved in this proceeding.

How Can I Have My Voice Heard?

- Speak at an upcoming CPUC virtual Public Participation Hearing. A list of dates, times, and call-in access is at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph.
- Submit comments electronically to the Commission using the “Add Public Comment” button on the “Public Comment” tab of the Docket Card for A.20-09-002. You can also review other public comments related to this rate request: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/A2009002comments>
- Mail a letter to the CPUC’s Public Advisor, and include the proceeding number, A.20-09-002, to: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or CPUC, Public Advisor’s Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

Further Information on the Proceeding:

- You can contact the company at 916-364-4100, via Email at westgas@aol.com or visit their website at www.westcoastgas.com.
- The CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office provides information to help the public get involved in proceedings at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao and you can subscribe to receive documents in A.20-09-002 at: <http://subscribecpuc.ca.gov/fpss/Default.aspx>.
- The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that will review, audit, and submit formal testimony on this application. Its website is: www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.
- The CPUC’s Energy Division provides information on the regulatory process for energy utilities. For information on rates and this GRC process, go to: www.cpuc.ca.gov/ElectricRates/.
- The CPUC’s Safety Policy Division advises on matters of utility safety policies. For information on its efforts as well as the CPUC’s Safety & Enforcement Division and Wildfire Safety Division, go to: www.cpuc.ca.gov/spd/.